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As a nurse practitioner in women's health, I am faced daily with the burden that women have in making decisions about their reproductive care. Far too many times women have had their decisions made for them by their insurance company...many of them end up having unplanned pregnancies that they did not want. It makes me sick to know that insurance companies pay ALL THE TIME for viagra and so often deny women access to safe and effective contraception. Really, where is the justice there? ???

Preventive care keeps women healthy! Requiring insurers to cover preventive health care like contraception, breast feeding support and screening for domestic violence and HIV -- without charging co-pays -- makes these services affordable for more women. And it helps women stay healthy.

Employers should not be able to deny a woman this coverage. Medical experts agree that this preventive health care is necessary for all women and that contraception is preventive care. Religious employers should not be given the power to leave contraceptive coverage out of their insurance plans because it will exclude some women from getting the care they need to be healthy, have healthy pregnancies and have healthy babies. Let a woman make her own decision – she knows her body and beliefs better than her bosses do!

Please remove the proposed religious employer refusal provision from your Women's Preventive Services rule.

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